

HOUSE No. 2061

By Mrs. Canavan of Brockton, petition of Christine E. Canavan and others relative to video recording devices in vehicles transporting mentally retarded persons. Transportation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Christine E. Canavan	David L. Flynn
Ellen Story	Edward G. Connolly
Anthony J. Verga	

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE TRANSPORTATION OF MENTALLY RETARDED AND MENTALLY ILL PERSONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section 17 of chapter 19B of the General Laws, as appearing in
2 the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the
3 fourth sentence the following sentences:—
4 Every private or public contracted vehicle transporting men-
5 tally retarded and mentally ill persons shall be equipped with a
6 video recording device which shall be in good working condition.
7 It shall be a condition precedent to the certification of any such
8 vehicle for operation under the provisions of this section, that said
9 video recording device shall have been inspected annually and
10 certified as being in good working condition, that a copy of the
11 certification shall be submitted to said department to be kept on
12 file, and a copy thereof shall be displayed inside said vehicle; and
13 further, that the owner(s) of any such vehicle shall notify said
14 department within 2 working days after any such video recording
15 device shall become inoperative, and said owner(s) shall have not
16 more than 30 days from the time of said notification within which
17 to cause such device to be fixed and certified as once again in

18 good working condition. The department shall have the authority
19 to terminate the contract with the owner(s) of any vehicle not
20 complying with the provisions of this section at any time.